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IN THE CLAIMS

The status of the claims as presently amended is as follows:

1. (*Currently Amended*) An image storage apparatus comprising:

receiving means for receiving images and thumbnail images for managing the images stored in a storage medium;

storage means for storing the images and thumbnail images received through said receiving means from said storage medium;

thumbnail image generating means for generating thumbnail images of a predetermined size ~~for managing the images stored in said storage means~~;

thumbnail image size detecting means for detecting a size of the thumbnail images stored in said storage medium:

copy instruction means for giving an instruction to copy the images stored in said storage medium into said storage means; and

control means for executing a control in such a manner as to receive the images from said storage medium through said receiving means and copy the images stored in said storage medium into said storage means ~~without generating any thumbnail images by said thumbnail image generating means~~; when said copy instruction means gives the instruction to copy the images in said storage medium into said storage means,

wherein if the size of the thumbnail images in said storage medium corresponds to the predetermined size, said control means executes a control in such a manner as to receive the thumbnail images from said storage medium through said receiving means and copy the received thumbnail images into said storage means as management thumbnail images for the images copied into said storage means.

2. (*Original*) An image storage apparatus according to claim 1, further comprising erasing means for erasing images from said storage medium after the images in said storage medium are copied into said storage means.

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3. *(Original)* An image storage apparatus according to claim 1, further comprising display means for displaying images stored in said storage means.

4. *(Original)* An image storage apparatus according to claim 1, wherein said copy instruction means has a switch that can be operated by a user, and when said switch is operated, said copy instruction means outputs a signal indicative of the copy instruction to said control means.

5. *(Original)* An image storage apparatus according to claim 1, wherein said copy instruction means comprises a remote control unit having a copy instruction button, and when said button is operated, said copy instruction means outputs a signal indicative of the copy instruction to said control means.

6-15. *(Canceled)*

16. *(Currently Amended)* An image storage method comprising the steps of:

generating receiving images and thumbnail images for managing images inputted from stored in a storage medium when said images are inputted from said storage medium;
giving an instruction to copy the images in said storage medium into storage means;
detecting a size of the thumbnail images stored in said storage medium;
executing a control in such a manner as to receive the images from said storage medium and copy the received images into said storage means ~~without generating the thumbnail images when said instruction is given; and~~
if the size of the thumbnail images in said storage medium corresponds to a predetermined size, executing a control in such a manner as to receive the thumbnail images from said storage medium and copy the received thumbnail images into said storage means as thumbnail images for managing the images copied into said storage means.

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17. (*Original*) An image storage method according to claim 16, further comprising the step of:
erasing the images from said storage medium after receiving the images in said storage
medium and copying the received images into said storage means.
18. (*Original*) An image storage method according to claim 16, further comprising the step of:
displaying the images copied into said storage means.

19-37. (*Canceled*)